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19. (New) The method of claim 18 further comprising:  
determining if the height-profile represents one or more objects; and  
outputting a signal based on the number of objects identified by the height-profile.

20. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the step of detecting reflections  
comprises using a charged coupled device to detect reflections.

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#### **REMARKS**

Claims 2-20 are currently pending in the present application. The foregoing Preliminary Amendment has canceled claim 1 and has added new claims 2-20. No new matter is added to the application by this Preliminary Amendment.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Attached hereto are a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO-1449 form. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the cited references.

Applicants respectfully request prompt examination of claims 2-20.

Respectfully submitted,

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